OPINION 1489

Biformalia vittata Sjöstedt, 1920 (currently *Phaulacridium vittatum*; Insecta, Orthoptera): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

(a) *ambulans* Erichson, 1842, as published in the binomen *Acridium ambulans*;

(b) *manca* Bolívar, 1898, as published in the binomen *Trigoniza manca*;

(c) *australiensis* Bolívar, 1898, as published in the binomen *Trigoniza australiensis*.

(2) The name *vittata* Sjöstedt, 1920, as published in the binomen *Biformalia vittata*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The following names, as suppressed in (1) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *ambulans* Erichson, 1842, as published in the binomen *Acridium ambulans*;

(b) *manca* Bolívar, 1898, as published in the binomen *Trigoniza manca*;

(c) *australiensis* Bolívar, 1898, as published in the binomen *Trigoniza australiensis*.

History of Case 2524

An application for the conservation of *Phaulacridium vittatum* (Sjöstedt, 1920) was received from Dr K. H. L. Key (*CSIRO, Canberra, Australia*) on 4 June 1985. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **43**: 303–305 (October 1986). Notice of the case was given to twelve general and ten specialist serials. A supportive comment was received from Dr P. B. McQuillan (*Hobart, Tasmania*). Dr D. K. McE. Kevan (*McGill University, Canada*) commented that he hoped this case would not establish a precedent for undermining the Principle of Priority.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **43**: 304. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 17: Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kraus, Melville, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 6: Alvarado, Cogger, Holthuis, Kabata, Lehtinen and Mroczkowski.

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Gruchy.

Kabata did not agree that 'at least 21 papers in the last fifty years' (BZN **43**: 304, para. 6) using *vittatum* justified suppression of the senior synonyms. Alvarado, Cogger and Mroczkowski thought that only the relative precedence procedure should be applied, as the four names are only subjective synonyms, and Key's synonymisation could be challenged in the future.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

ambulans, Acridium, Erichson, 1842, *Archiv für Naturgeschichte* **8**(1): 251.

australiensis, Trigoniza, Bolívar, 1898, *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale Giacomo Doria,* **39**: 95.

manca, Trigoniza, Bolívar, 1898, *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale Giacomo Doria,* **39**: 96.

vittata, Biformalia, Sjöstedt, 1920, *Arkiv för Zoologi,* **12**(20): 49.